

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An external preparation, that is a poultice or plaster, comprising following ingredients (A) and (B):

(A) 0.1 to 5% by mass of pitavastatin, atorvastatin, a salt of pitavastatin, or a salt of atorvastatin,

and

(B) 0.1 to 10 % by mass of at least one monoterpene selected from the group consisting of menthol, terpineol, citronellal, and combinations thereof,

wherein the external preparation does not contain ethanol.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium or atorvastatin calcium.

Claims 5-6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is menthol.

Claims 8-9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is terpineol.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is citronellal.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is a combination of menthol, terpineol, and citronellal.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is atorvastatin calcium.

Claim 15-16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium, and wherein the at least one monoterpene is menthol.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a poultice.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a plaster.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a plaster, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium, and wherein the monoterpene is menthol.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 20, wherein the external preparation further comprises liquid paraffin, a styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymer, an alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon resin, and a polyoxyethylenelaurylether.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 21, wherein the liquid paraffin comprises 37.5 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymer comprises 20 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon resin comprises 35 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the pitavastatin calcium comprises 0.5 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the polyoxyethylenelaurylether comprises 5 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the menthol comprises 2 parts by mass of the external preparation, and wherein the total parts by mass of the external preparation is 100 parts by mass.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 7, wherein the menthol is 1-menthol.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a poultice, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium or atorvastatin calcium, and wherein the monoterpene is menthol.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 25, wherein the external preparation further comprises polyethyleneglycol 400 (PEG400), concentrated glycerin, polysolvate 80, carmellose sodium, magnesium aluminometasilicate (crosslinker), sodium polyacrylate, partially neutralized polyacrylic acid, sodium edecate, tartaric acid, kaolin, 70% of D-sorbitol solution and purified water.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The external preparation according to claim 26, wherein the external preparation comprises, based on 100 parts by mass:

10 parts by mass of polyethyleneglycol 400 (PEG400),
15 parts by mass of concentrated glycerin,
0.1 parts by mass of polysolvate 80,
4 parts by mass of carmellose sodium,
0.75 parts by mass of magnesium aluminometasilicate (crosslinker), 2 parts by mass
of sodium polyacrylate,
2 parts by mass of partially neutralized polyacrylic acid,
0.1 parts by mass of sodium edecate,
0.25 parts by mass of tartaric acid,
3 parts by mass of kaolin

25 parts by mass of a 70% D-sorbitol solution, and
37.8 parts (total amount 100g) by mass of purified water.

Claim 28 (New) The external preparation according to claim 1, comprising 2 to 10%
by mass of (B).

Claim 29 (New) The external preparation according to claim 17, comprising 2 to 10%
by mass of (B).